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FRENCH PERIODICAL CHARGES BULGARIAN WORKERS RECEIVE LOW PAY

At present, a Bulgarian worker receives 500 leva in wages per month. All the savings of workers have vanished after the monetary reform of 11 May 1952. They are poorly clothed; they wear one shirt, one pair of trousers, and sandals or cloth shoes with rubber soles. In winter the clothing situation is worse. Even at 15 degrees centigrade below zero, one rarely sees people wearing overcoats.

A worker's wage is sufficient to feed him, but not to clothe him. If two members of a family work, they can feed one child, but if there are two or more children, the entire family starves. One kilogram of meat costs 19 leva (a day's wage of a skilled worker). Bread is of poor quality, but lines form in front of bakeries, as the price is only 2.50 leva. The official price for white bread is 5 leva (one US dollar) despite the fact that last year's and this year's harvests were abundant.

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